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In re Application of  
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: DECISION ON PETITION  
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)  
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This decision is issued in response to applicants' "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a)" filed 28 January 2008.

**BACKGROUND**

The procedural background for this application was set forth in detail in the decisions mailed herein on 27 November 2007. In the decision dated 27 November 2007, applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) to accept the application without the signature of joint inventor, John Guest, was dismissed without prejudice.

On 28 January 2008, applicants filed the materials considered herein as a renewed petition.

**DISCUSSION**

The petition for status under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is moot since the declaration filed 28 January 2008 with the present communication was executed by the named inventors, the previous non-signing inventor, John Guest. The declaration filed 28 January 2008 is acceptable under 37 CFR 1.497.

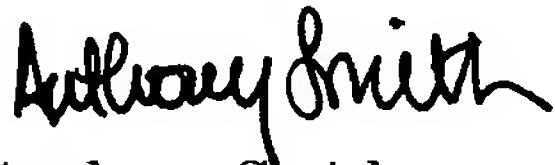
**CONCLUSION**

For the reasons above, the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **DISMISSED** as **MOOT**.

The declaration filed on 28 January 2008 is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497.

The application has an international filing date of 22 December 2003 under 35 U.S.C. 363 and a date of 28 January 2008 under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1),(c)(2) and (c)(4).

The application is being returned to the International Division for processing as the U.S. National Stage of the above-identified international application.



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